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The Commission received and ignored unsolicited testimony about the kind of marksmanship required to fire even three such telling shots from a New Orleans Leejer, Dean Andrews (11H330) who connected Oswald with a mysterious and Mexican/Cuban/exaggeration. Andrews declared his opinion Oswald didn't and could not have killed the President. The questioner was Assistant Counsel Wesley J.

Liebeler:

"Mr. Liebeler: Do you mean to suggest by that statement that you have considerable doubt in your mind that Oswald killed the President?"

Mr. Andrews. I know good and well he did not. With that weapon, he couldn't have been capable of making three controlled shots in that short time.

Mr. Liebeler. You are basing your opinion on reports that you have received over news media as to how many shots were fired in that period of time; is that correct?

Mr. Andrews. I am basing my opinion on five years as an ordnanceman in the Navy. You can lean into those things, and with throwing the bolt - if I couldn't do it myself, 8 hours a day, doing this for a living, constantly on the range, I know this civilian couldn't do it. He might have been a sharp marksman at one time, but if you don't lean into that rifle and don't squeeze and control consistently, your brain can tell you how to do it, but you don't have the capability.

Mr. Andrews. ... What you have to do is lean into a weapon, and, to fire three shots controlled with accuracy, this boy couldn't do it. Forget the President.

Mr. Liebeler. You base that judgment on the fact that, in your own

experience, it is difficult to do that sort of thing?

Mr. Andrews. You have to stay with it. You just don't pick up a rifle or a pistol or whatever weapon you are using and stay proficient with it. You have to know what you are doing. You have to be a conniver. This boy could have connived the deal, but I think he is a patsy. Somebody else pulled the trigger.

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Mr. Andrews. ... It's just taking the 5 years and thinking about it a bit. I have fired as much as 40,000 rounds of ammo a day for 7 days a week. You get pretty good with it as long as you keep firing. Then I have gone back after 2 weeks. I used to be able to take a shotgun, go on a skeet, and pop 100 out of 100. After 2 weeks, I could only pop 60 of them. I would have to start shooting again, same way with the rifle and machineguns. Every other person I knew, same thing happened to them. You just have to stay at it."